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Letter dated 27 September 1996 from the President of the General Assembly to the Chairman of the Second Committee

I have the honour to transmit, for any appropriate action before 21 October by your Committee, a letter dated 26 September 1996, addressed to you by the Chairman of the Fifth Committee, regarding agenda item 114, entitled "Programme planning".

(Signed) RAZALI Ismail

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Annex

LETTER DATED 26 SEPTEMBER 1996 FROM THE CHAIRMAN OF THE FIFTH COMMITTEE ADDRESSED TO THE CHAIRMAN OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE

At its third plenary meeting, on 20 September 1996, the General Assembly decided to allocate agenda item 114 (Programme planning) to the Fifth Committee. You may recall that the General Assembly, by its resolution 41/213, resolved to achieve improvement in the consultative process for the formulation of the medium-term plan through, inter alia, consultations in a systematic way regarding the major programmes in the plan with sectoral, technical, regional and central bodies in the United Nations, with a view to establishing the broadest possible agreement. As in the past, it is, therefore, understood that each programme of the proposed medium-term plan for the period 1998-2001, as appropriate, will be submitted to the Main Committees for review.

In that connection, I would like to invite you to ensure that the programme of work of your Committee is organized in such a manner as to facilitate the consideration of the proposed programmes relevant to the work of your Committee prior to the consideration of the item by the Fifth Committee.

I wish to inform you that the Fifth Committee intends to begin its consideration of the item on programme planning on 21 October.

I should therefore be grateful if you would bring this issue to the attention of your Committee and arrange that the views of your Committee on programme 5 (Policy coordination and sustainable development), 6 (Africa: new agenda for development), 7 (Economic and social information and policy analysis), 8 (Development support and management services), 9 (Trade and development), 10 (Environment), 11 (Human settlements), 14 (Economic and social development in Africa), 15 (Economic and social development in Asia and the Pacific), 16 (Economic development in Europe), 17 (Economic and social development in Latin America and the Caribbean) and 18 (Economic and social development in Western Asia) of the proposed medium-term plan for the period 1998-2001 are communicated to me soonest.

(Signed) Ngoni Francis SENGWE

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